

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on October 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. after the 6:30 p.m. work study caucus session, where the Council discussed pending agenda items; public discussion consisted of procedure for consideration of the hunting of migratory birds; Commissioners Ervin's abstention from the CE-COM vote; update on Depot and IDOT; update on sewer project on Lake Land Blvd.; notation of City's property/casualty/work comp/liability insurance future consideration; and update on leaf pickup. Council members who physically attended the caucus session were: Mayor David Cline and Commissioners Randy Ervin, Rick Hall, Joe McKenzie, and David Schilling. Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Alan Gilmore, Attorney & Treasurer Preston Owen, Public Works Director David Wortman, Community Development Coordinator Kyle Gill, Police Chief David Griffith, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Branson, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien. The caucus session closed at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Cline presiding.

Mayor Cline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present: YEA Commissioner Randy Ervin, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Joe McKenzie, YEA Commissioner David Schilling, YEA Mayor David Cline.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Alan Gilmore, Attorney & Treasurer J. Preston Owen, Public Works Director David Wortman, Police Chief David Griffith, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Branson, Community Development coordinator Kyle Gill, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

Public Hearing: Proposed grant application for a single-family owner-occupied home rehabilitation program to the Illinois Housing Development authority, Greg Ferguson CCRP-DC.

The City of Mattoon, Illinois held a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers on October 21, 2008 regarding the proposed grant application for a single-family owner-occupied home rehabilitation program (HOME) to the Illinois Housing Development Authority. Council members who physically attended were: Mayor David Cline, and Commissioners Randy Ervin, Rick Hall, Joe McKenzie, and David Schilling. City personnel who also physically attended were: City Administrator Alan Gilmore, Attorney & Treasurer J. Preston Owen, Public Works Director David Wortman, Community Development Coordinator Kyle Gill, Police Chief David Griffith, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Branson, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien. Mayor Cline opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Greg Ferguson, Housing Rehabilitation Manager of Coles County Regional Planning and Development Commission (CCRP-DC), conducted the hearing by reviewing the HOME grant for low-income residents, funding for the grant, processing applications competitively, and submitting the grant by October 24, 2008. After questions were answered and comments taken from the public, Mayor Cline closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Cline seconded by Commissioner Schilling moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the regular meeting October 7, 2008, police department and financial reports for the month of September, 2008, payroll and bills for the first half of October, 2008.

Bills and payroll for the first half of October, 2008

General Fund

Payroll	\$	264,675.20
Bills	\$	144,871.68
Total	\$	409,546.88

Hotel Tax Fund

Payroll	\$	1,618.08
Bills	\$	2,614.40
Total	\$	4,232.48

Festival Management

Bills	\$	2,105.00
Total	\$	2,105.00

Insurance & Tort Judgment

Bills	\$	9,093.33
Total	\$	9,093.33

Midtown TIF

Bills	\$	85.08
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	Total	\$	85.08
<u>Water Fund</u>			
Payroll		\$	33,018.03
Bills		\$	<u>34,819.40</u>
	Total	\$	67,837.43
<u>Sewer Fund</u>			
Payroll		\$	31,132.51
Bills		\$	<u>59,150.86</u>
	Total	\$	90,283.37
<u>Cemetery Fund</u>			
Payroll		\$	4,190.93
Bills		\$	<u>657.67</u>
	Total	\$	4,848.60
<u>Motor Fuel Fund</u>			
Bills		\$	<u>12,590.45</u>
	Total	\$	12,590.45
<u>Health Insurance</u>			
Bills		\$	<u>82,600.07</u>
	Total	\$	82,600.07

Mayor Cline declared the motion to approve the consent agenda carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

Mayor Cline opened the floor for discussion. There was no public discussion.

Commissioner Schilling seconded by Commissioner McKenzie moved to adopt Resolution 2008-2758, authorizing and supporting the single family owner occupied rehabilitation grant application, and authorizing the mayor to sign all related documents. HOME grant.

City of Mattoon, Illinois

Resolution No. 2008-2758

A resolution of authorization and support for a single family owner occupied rehabilitation grant application

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon, is applying to the State of Illinois for HOME Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program funds administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an application be authorized for submission by the City Council and that the Mayor be authorized to sign documents as required by the Illinois Housing Development Authority in connection with said HOME funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1) That the City authorizes and supports the submission of an application for HOME Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program funds under the terms and conditions of the State of Illinois and shall enter into and agree to the understandings and assurances contained in said application.
- 2) That the Mayor may execute such documents and all other documents necessary for the carrying out of said application and provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant.

Upon motion by Commissioner Schilling, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie, adopted this 21st day of October 2008, by a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES (Names): Commissioner Ervin, Commissioner Hall,

Commissioner McKenzie, Commissioner Schilling,
Mayor Cline

NAYS (Names) None
ABSENT (Names) None

Approved this 21st day of October, 2008.

/s/ David W. Cline
David Cline, Mayor
City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois

ATTEST: Approved as to form:

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
Susan J. O'Brien, City Clerk

/s/ J. Preston Owen
J. Preston Owen, City Attorney

Recorded in the Municipality's Records on October 22, 2008.

Mayor Cline opened the floor for discussion. No discussion.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

Commissioner McKenzie seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to approve Council Decision Request 2008-912, authorizing the hiring of Brandon Burkybile as an Engineering Technician effective November 3, 2008 with an annual salary of \$33,982.78.

Mayor Cline opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Hall stated the hiring of the employee could save the City \$100,000 to \$200,000 in engineering costs per year with Mayor Cline adding the position was previously filled in the small department.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

Mayor Cline seconded by Commissioner Schilling moved to adopt Special Ordinance 2008-1297, granting a side yard variance at 1209 Wabash Avenue for an addition to the house. Mike Genta- Petitioner.

CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2008-1297

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM BUILDING SET BACK REQUIREMENTS TO ENABLE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE HOUSE LOCATED AT 1209 WABASH AVE.

WHEREAS there has been filed a written Petition by Mike Genta for a variance, respecting the property legally described as:

Lots three and four (3 & 4) of block one hundred sixty-seven (167) in old town, City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois,
commonly known as 1209 Wabash, City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois.

WHEREAS, said petition requests that a variance be granted pursuant to applicable ordinances of the municipality to allow construction of a new addition to the east side of the house and reduce the side yard setback to two feet; and

WHEREAS the zoning code requires a 5 feet side yard setback in R2, Single and Two Family Residence Zoning District; and

WHEREAS the Zoning Board of Appeals held a properly noticed, public hearing on October 7, 2008 regarding petitioner's request for said variance; and

WHEREAS both the Planning Commission for the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, and the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, have recommended that the requested variance be granted; and

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2008-1299

**A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COLES COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD
FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES TO BE FURNISHED TO THE CITY OF MATTOON**

WHEREAS, the Coles County Emergency Telephone System Board (hereinafter “COLES COUNTY 911) is a 911 system duly organized pursuant to the statutes of the State of Illinois and established pursuant to appropriate referendum of the citizens of Coles County; and,

WHEREAS, since the inception of the 911 system within Coles County, the City of Mattoon has not fully participated in the system and has maintained its own dispatch center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon believes it is now appropriate to fully turn over the dispatching functions it currently performs to COLES COUNTY 911; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon desires to keep dispatching activities at a location adjacent to the Mattoon Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon also desires COLES COUNTY 911 to perform certain services not normally associated with emergency dispatch services; and,

WHEREAS, COLES COUNTY 911 wishes to take over the dispatching services currently performed by the City of Mattoon; and,

WHEREAS, COLES COUNTY 911 is willing to operate a dispatching facility from the space currently occupied by the City of Mattoon’s dispatching operations; and

WHEREAS, COLES COUNTY 911 is willing to perform the additional services desired by the City of Mattoon; and,

WHEREAS, COLES COUNTY 911 currently has a back-up facility located at the Coles County Sherriff’s office; and,

WHEREAS, COLES COUNTY 911 desires to find more suitable accommodations for the back-up facility and to upgrade its equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon has updated the facilities and equipment necessary to act as the back-up facility to the dispatching operations currently carried out by COLES COUNTY 911 at its location on Illinois Route 16 between Mattoon and Charleston; and,

WHEREAS, both the City of Mattoon and COLES COUNTY 911 believes it is in each of their best interest and the best interest of the Citizens of Mattoon and Coles County to discontinue the overlapping services provided by having two dispatching operations; and,.

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon and COLES COUNTY 911 have negotiated the terms for the provision of the services listed above and those terms have been memorialized in an agreement which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MATTOON, COLES COUNTY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance

Section 2. The City Council specifically finds that it is in the best interest of the Citizens of Mattoon and the City to enter into an agreement with the Coles County Emergency Telephone System Board for the furnishing of dispatching services to the City of Mattoon.

Section 3. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the intergovernmental agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

Section 4. This ordinance shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the City Council.

Upon motion by Mayor Cline, seconded by Commissioner Schilling, adopted this 21st day of October, 2008, by a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES (Names):	<u>Commissioner Hall, Commissioner McKenzie,</u> <u>Commissioner Schilling, Mayor Cline</u>
ABSTAIN	<u>Commissioner Ervin</u>
NAYS (Names)	<u>None</u>
ABSENT (Names)	<u>None</u>

Approved this 21st day of October, 2008.

/s/ David W. Cline
David Cline, Mayor
City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
Susan J. O'Brien, City Clerk

/s/ J. Preston Owen
J. Preston Owen, City Attorney

Recorded in the Municipality's Records on October 22, 2008.

Mayor Cline opened the floor for discussion. Administrator Gilmore thanked the Police Department for their hard work with Commissioner Hall noting the savings of \$86,000 and Mayor Cline noting the benefit to both parties.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: Abstain Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

Mayor Cline seconded by Commissioner McKenzie moved to adopt Special Ordinance 2008-1300, eliminating the positions of Telecommunicator I, II, III, IV within the City of Mattoon.

CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2008-1300

AN ORDINANCE ELIMINATING THE POSITIONS OF TELECOMMUNICATOR I, II, III, IV WITHIN THE CITY OF MATTOON

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, has undertaken an evaluation of existing Telecommunicator (a/k/a Dispatcher) positions in the Mattoon Police Department to determine whether the positions are economically sound for the effective administration of the Mattoon Police Department and the government for the City of Mattoon; and,

WHEREAS, the evaluation revealed that the duties of the Telecommunicators/ Dispatchers can be performed more efficiently by Coles County Emergency Telephone System Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Mattoon Police Department has been working closely with the Coles County Emergency Telephone System Board to ensure that it can provide the City with the same level of services currently provided by the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City has been working with Coles County Emergency Telephone System Board to try and encourage the current City of Mattoon dispatchers to apply for employment with the Coles County Emergency Telephone System Board; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the financial and economical interest of the taxpayers of the City of Mattoon to contract with Coles County Emergency Telephone System Board to provide Telecommunications Services to the City of Mattoon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the positions of Telecommunicator/Dispatcher be eliminated effective at 11:59PM on November 9, 2008; and,
2. That the incumbents occupying the positions of Telecommunicator at any level be released as employees of the City of Mattoon effective at 11:59PM on November 9, 2008, due to the elimination of Telecommunicator I, II, III, and IV positions as provided in this Special Ordinance; and,
3. That the incumbents holding the Telecommunicator positions are encouraged to apply for any position with the City of Mattoon which may open in the future and to which she is appropriately qualified.

Upon motion by Mayor Cline seconded by Commissioner McKenzie adopted this 21st day of October, 2008, by a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES (Names): Commissioner Ervin, Commissioner Hall,
Commissioner McKenzie, Commissioner Schilling
Mayor Cline

NAYS (Names) None

ABSENT (Names) None

Approved this 21st day of October, 2008.

/s/ David W. Cline
David Cline, Mayor
City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois

ATTEST: _____ Approved as to form: _____

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
Susan J. O'Brien, City Clerk

/s/ J. Preston Owen
J. Preston Owen, City Attorney

Recorded in the Municipality's Records on October 22, 2008.

Mayor Cline opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Hall noted the majority of staff had been employed, who wanted to work for CE-COM.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: Abstain Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

Commissioner McKenzie seconded by Commissioner Hall moved to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Cline declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner McKenzie, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Cline.

/s/Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk